make its own programmes by itself or by commissioning outside producers for the purpose. However, the details have not been worked out.

Projects of the HSCL in Libya

*190. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the projects and their value which the Hindustan Steelworks Construc tion Limited (HSCL) has secured so far in Libya;

(b) what is the original, extended and expected completion date for each of these projects:

(c) whether it is a fact that the Libyan client has called for encashment of bank guarantees due to the non-performance of the company in a school project;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for such non-performance;

(e) whether the HSCL intends to abandon the project or to resume its work on it; and

(f) what is the estimated total loss on account of encashment of bank guarantees and outstanding payments which the HSCL would have to bear in case the work is not resumed and the project is cancelled?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES <SHRI MAKHAN LAL) : (a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House

Statement

(a) aad (b) The projects secured by HSCL in Libya, value thereof and their original and revised targets of comp!etion are indicated below :—

SI. No,	Projects	No.	Works ' Value (Rs. in crores)	Original date of completion	Revised and expected date cf completion .
' A'.	IN THE WESTERN SECTOR				
	1. 28 + 7 SBP*	2r	45 5	Oct. '81	Dec, '89
	2. Main Training Centre	1	7 0	April '81	Completed
	3. 29 SBP*	11	13.6	July '83	Dec. '89
	4. 11 SBP*	7	14-2	Nov. '82	Dec. '89
	5, Quoranic School	1	2-8	June '83	Dec. '89
	SUB-TOTAL :	*49*	83.1		
B-	IN THE EASTERN SECTOR				
	6. 25 SBP*	16	27.6	June '83	Dec. '89
	GRAND-TOTAL :	65	110.7		

*SBP s-ands for School Building Projects,

NOTE • Original contracts are in Libyan Dinars and value calculated is based on Fx-change rats—1 LD = Rs. 40/-.

(c) Yes, Sir. HSCL had received a de mand from the Libyan clients for en cashment of 4 bank guarantees.

(d) Reasons for non-performance are several including non-payment/delays in payment of bills by the Libyan clients, drastic changes in Libyan local regulations ' and nationalisation of business, including transport industry, leading to step hike in prices, restnictions in imports, changes in repatriation rates, and delay$_s$ in taking over completed works by the Libyan clients etc.

(e) No deciVon bas so far been taken.

(f) Total loss will depend On the decision taken and final outcome thereof.

Estimated Rabi crop

*191. SHRl ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pieased to state:

(a) the esimated Rabi Crop for tbe year 1987-88 and the short fall, if any, from the target;

(b) whether the quantity of foodgrains procurred during the year 1987-83 is adequate to meet tbe demand; and

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal *to* import foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL) : (a) Firm estimates of producton of rabi crops for the crop year 1987-88 are not yet due from) the States.

(b) and (c) A quantity of 6.4 million tonnes of rice and 3.1 million tonnes of wheat has been procured out of the produc, tion in 1987-88, as on 3.5.1988. However, with a view to replenish the buffer stocks, the Government has recently finalised imports of one million tonnes of wheat from the United States.

Plans for basic amenities in slums in the country

*192. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it appears likely that slums would continue for long in some form or other and therefore Government are think ing to provide them some basic amenities; and

Cb) if so, what plans Government have in this regard and the targets fixed for 1988-89 and the coming year?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT AND THE MINISTER) OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KID-WAI): (a) Considering that urban slums cannot be completely eradicated in the near future, the present policy of the Government emphasises environmental improvement of urban slums *in situ* rather than their massive clearance or relocation.

(b) Basic amenities like drinking water supply, sewers, storm water drains, com munity baths and latrines, widening and paving of existing lanes street lighting etc. are provided in urban slums under the State Sector Scheme of Environmental Im provement of Urban Slums (ETUS. Against the 7th Plan target of coverage of 9 million slum dwellers under the scheme 5.73 million slum dwellers have been covered during the first three years. The balance is expected to be covered during the last two years of the Plan.

Unclaimed deposits with the Provident Fund Commissioners

*193. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pieased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge sums of deposits had been laying unclaimed with the Employees Provident Fund Commissioner in the country;